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Two New Filter Centers Opened In Pennsylvania

Two new Filter Centers, one in Pittsburgh and the other in Scranton, are being put in operation by the Army to round out its Aircraft Warning Service network in Pennsylvania.

The new Pittsburgh center will handle messages to warning center "black boxes" in western Pennsylvania counties and the Scranton headquarters will serve northeastern counties. Previously the two regions were dependent on Buffalo and New York City for warnings.

The new Filter Centers are in addition to those which have been operating for the past year in Philadelphia and Harrisburg. Volunteers to staff the centers on a 24-hour basis are recruited by the Local Councils of Defense. The Filter Centers handle all reports from aircraft observers in their areas.

SCRAP HARVEST PLANNED IN SEPT.

Pennsylvania's salvage committees, with the help of farm machinery dealers and agricultural groups, will conduct a state-wide Scrap Harvest from Sept. 15 to 30 to collect scrap metal and rubber from all farms.

Fifty thousand tons of scrap metal was gathered from Pennsylvania farms last June, but Colley S. Baker, executive secretary of the S. C. D. Advisory Salvage Committee, estimates that much additional scrap remains.

Meanwhile, automotive, petroleum and rubber industries have named a special committee headed by W. Purves Taylor, of Harrisburg, to assist in the salvage program.

RADIO DISCUSSED

Details of the new plan for setting up two-way radio communication between Control Centers and Citizens Defense Corps units in the field were drafted at a meeting in the State Council of Defense headquarters this week. Police and communications leaders attended.



THE FORGOTTEN MAN of Civilian Defense is the Fire Watcher, who has the important job of spotting incendiary bombs on big buildings and controlling them before large fires can start. Pennsylvania needs 160,000 volunteers in this corps but has enrolled only 32,000. The Fire Watcher above is shown at his post on a roof-top in Harrisburg.

Ruling Awaited On Franking Use

Further clarification concerning the type of material which may be mailed free by Councils of Defense under the newly-accredited Federal franking privilege is expected soon, according to Joseph B. Hutchison, Distribution Agent for the State Council of Defense.

Latest opinions from the O. C. D. have indicated that the privilege "should be confined to material actually prepared by the Washington Office or the Regional Offices (of O.C.D.) or to exact reprints thereof." A revised set of instructions is now being prepared by O.C.D.

Meanwhile, 16 of the 67 County Councils of Defense have not yet submitted nominations of County Distribution Agents to the S.C.D. Official

franking labels will not be sent to these counties until the nominations are submitted and approved by the Regional O.C.D. Office in Baltimore.

DAYLIGHT DRILLS

Emphasis on blackouts should not cause us to neglect preparations and drills for possible daytime raids, warns Colonel Henry A. Reninger, deputy director of the Third Civilian Defense Region.

"It seems to be the general impression that air raids will come at night," he said, "but Pearl Harbor wasn't bombed at night, and many of the large raids were not made at night. The Japs have made daylight raids, and Jimmie Doolittle picked the daylight to deliver his message to Tokyo."

Date Of Blackout With New Jersey To Remain Secret

The joint Pennsylvania-New Jersey air raid and blackout drill scheduled "sometime before September 1" constitutes the first all-out surprise test in either state and involves the largest area and population yet blacked out in the East.

Without any more warning than would precede an actual attack, air raid alarms will sound suddenly over an area of 53,700 square miles and lights will be turned out by 15 million people. The length of the practice will not be known until the all-clear sounds.

Details of the drill were worked out at a conference last week between representatives of Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the Pennsylvania Council of Defense, and Leonard Dreyfuss, New Jersey director. The directors had agreed earlier that a joint practice was needed to coordinate preparations on opposite sides of the Delaware River.

For Pennsylvania, the practice will be similar to the total blackout held on July 22 except that at that time the date and duration of the drill were announced in advance. A new ruling by the First Fighter Command now permits the calling of unannounced day or night practices.

Sealed Orders

Both Pennsylvania and New Jersey will send sealed orders to County Council of Defense chairmen setting the time for sounding the air raid alarms. The Citizens Defense Corps will be mobilized in both states and a total blackout will be enforced except for railroads, air field beacons and obstruction lights, radio tower lights and navigation lights.

Meanwhile, the first extensive daylight drills have been held in Pennsylvania, preceded only by announcements that the sirens would sound sometime during a certain week. The five-county Phila-

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BLACKOUT TO REMAIN SECRET

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Philadelphia area staged an afternoon drill two weeks ago and followed with a morning drill this week.

Permission for daylight practices was given also to the Bethlehem area, Croydon (Bucks County), York, and Huntingdon County. DuBois (Clearfield County) held a blackout practice last week.

Following the first Philadelphia drill, Dr. Marts issued instructions reminding Citizens Defense Corps members to keep their armbands at hand at all times. It was found in Philadelphia that many volunteers could not get to their posts because they had left their armbands at home.

FREEMAN NAMED

Charles E. Freeman, chairman of the Centre County Council of Defense, was elected this week to succeed Colonel Ralph M. Mitchell as regional representative for the State Council of Defense in Region 5.

Freeman, whose home is in Philipsburg, will cover eight counties — Potter, Cameron, Clinton, Centre, Lycoming, Union, Northumberland, and Snyder. Colonel Mitchell has taken up new duties as Special Assistant to the Executive Director at Harrisburg.

Army Training School Closed In Maryland

The Army's Civilian Protection School at University of Maryland has been discontinued, and staff members will devote their time instead to staging local incendiary bomb demonstrations.

During the year in which the ten-day courses were given by the Army, more than 100 Pennsylvania Civilian Defense leaders, police and firemen received training.

COUNCILS THANKED BY OPA DIRECTOR

Dr. James F. Bogardus, State Price Officer of the OPA, has written to Dr. A. C. Marts expressing appreciation for the help of 13,000 County and Local Council of Defense volunteers who delivered Maximum Price rules to retail stores on July 8.

Other volunteers have been recruited by Councils of Defense to assist the OPA in registering landlords in four Defense Rental Areas, to help in handling gas ration applications, and to organize the Car-Sharing Program. The rental areas comprise the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh metropolitan districts, Mercer County, and Erie County.

In his letter, Dr. Bogardus said "I trust that you will convey my thanks, as well as the thanks of all those from this office who took part in the campaign, to the members of your organization who so ably assisted us."



NEW AWARD—Window stickers like the above are being printed by the O.C.D. for award by Air Raid Wardens to private homes that have taken air raid precautions and participated in volunteer war work. A separate type of sticker has already been released for business places.

Enforcement Is Strict

Incomplete reports from the July 22 state-wide blackout indicate that violations are being promptly detected and prosecuted by Civilian Defense workers.

In Allegheny County, fines totalling \$9985 were imposed against 63 persons, the amounts ranging from \$5 to the maximum of \$200 prescribed in the Air Raid Precautions Act.

Philadelphia, on the other hand, noted a significant decrease in violations. Only a few violations were reported, in contrast to infractions totalling more than 100 in earlier blackouts.

Elsewhere in the state, penalties ranged from reprimands for first offenders to the maximum \$200 fine. The latter was imposed in Weirton against a driver who left his car lights

on and threatened to run a warden off the road.

Westmoreland County reported 56 major violations, while in Harrisburg 33 persons were found guilty and fined a total of \$475, including costs.

Night lights, faulty switches and advertising signs caused trouble in many business places in the state. Three business men in Uniontown said they were glad to pay fines, so that they and others would be more careful in the future.

In Hazleton, charges were placed against five men for "sight-seeing" on the streets after the sirens had sounded.

Fines for blackout violations go to the counties. Many Councils of Defense have emphasized that prosecutions are not intended for revenue purposes but to insure full compliance.

Councils Get \$55,000

Reports from 40 of Pennsylvania's 1,000 Councils of Defense indicate that only half of the Councils have received appropriations and that the other 20 Councils have been allocated funds totalling \$55,813, or an average of \$2800 each.

The largest figure reported was \$18,144 for Haverford Twp., populous suburban area in Delaware County. Four County Councils of Defense reported appropriations as fol-

lows: Butler, \$2500; Huntingdon, \$4000; Mifflin, \$6000; and Bucks, \$4800.

The figures, taken from replies to a recent O. C. D. questionnaire, were not considered representative, since they covered only 4 per cent of the Councils of Defense and did not include large metropolitan areas. Act No. 16 passed by the 1942 Legislature specifically authorized public appropriations for Councils of Defense.

Volunteers Pass 500,000 In State

With 50 counties reporting—more than in any recent month—membership in Pennsylvania's Citizens Defense Corps passed the half-million mark during July.

An increase of 48,460 brought the total to 501,349. The estimated requirement for Pennsylvania is 782,000.

The most significant increase was that of Fire Watchers from 25,777 to 31,853. However, the total need for this corps is estimated as 167,000.

Membership is still below requirements in all services except the following: Air Raid Wardens, Auxiliary Police, Food and Housing, and Emergency Medical Personnel. The Air Raid Warden Corps shows the largest surplus, with 173,000 enrolled against a quota of only 107,000.

BRITISH LESSONS CITED BY DR. OWEN

The need for building up a large and efficient corps of Fire Watchers was emphasized by Dr. Hubley R. Owen, Philadelphia Council of Defense chairman, when he returned August 1 from a five-week study of Civilian Defense in England.

Since fires from incendiary bombs have caused England's greatest damage, great responsibility has fallen on fire watchers, he reported. The watchers attack incendiaries with stirrup pump or sand the moment they fall, and all-night watches are maintained on the roofs of big buildings.

Dr. Owen also stressed the work of rescue squads and said that short-handled shovels had been their best implement. Crowbars, steel rope and jacks are also standard equipment.

NEW MANUAL ISSUED; THREE OTHERS PLANNED

A new 52-page Special Duty Manual for Air Raid Wardens has just been published by the State Council of Defense, and three other new training manuals have been sent to the printer.

The wardens' manual contains instructional material for advanced training and also basic data and illustrations useful for quick reference by individual wardens. Thousands of copies were mailed this week to county training directors.

The manuals now being printed are for the training of Auxiliary Police, Fire Watchers, and Control Center Telephonists.

News From Local Councils

New Council of Defense appointments throughout the state include: Henry F. Wheeler, of **Linesville**, as chairman in **Crawford** County, succeeding Dr. Paul H. Giddens; Walter Stanton, chairman and coordinator in **Mt. Carmel**; Ernest E. Harwood, chairman in **Hazleton**; Charles R. Witmer, chairman for **Sellersville**. . . . In **Shamokin**, vice-chairman Warren Kaseman is serving in place of Rev. W. I. Rutan, who resigned.

An official of the Mack Co. **Allentown**, praised an air raid warden who stopped him enroute from one plant to another during a blackout. . . . He immediately applied to Gen. F. D. Beary, **Lehigh** County Chairman, for a "CD" flag for his car.

Ross L. Leffler, chairman of **Allegheny** County Council of Defense, was awarded a plaque by the Western Pennsylvania Safety Council for the "safe and efficient manner" in which the June 25 blackout was conducted. . . . Col. William H. Beckner, Commander of the **York** Citizens Defense Corps, received the "Golden Deeds" annual award of the York Exchange club for his work in civilian defense.

Space for air raid shelters in five housing projects has been offered to Mayor Bernard Samuel by the **Philadelphia** Housing Authority. . . . In **Mount Carmel** the basements of a number of churches are being prepared for shelters.

Philadelphia's "Civilian Defense Commandos", a group formed to aid in any type of emergency, were called into service for the first time to do a hurry-up inspection of living quarters to accommodate the city's growing population of defense workers.

Civilian Defense organizations in **McKean** and **Elk** Counties were mobilized to assist during the flood disaster that swept that area.

Associate Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts addressed a dinner in **Coatesville** marking the opening of an intensified scrap drive in **Chester** County. . . . Every local Council of Defense in **Lackawanna** County will hold a Victory Junk Rally on August 20. . . . Demolition of the old Central mill of the Giant Portland Ce-

ment Co. at Egypt, **Lehigh** County, will provide 2,000 tons of scrap.

Officials of the Sun Oil Co. plant at **Marcus Hook** have been commended by Stanley T. Hibberd, chairman of **Delaware** County Council of Defense, for "very material assistance in all defense activities."

An air raid warden in **Millersville**, Lancaster County, was credited by a physician with saving the life of a youth found bleeding after a bicycle accident. . . . The warden administered first aid which he had learned in a Civilian Defense training class.

The **Bethlehem** Council of Defense has begun distribution to all homes of a booklet entitled, "If Bethlehem Is Raided" . . . the booklet was prepared locally to instruct residents in air raid precautions.

Kittanning Council of Defense used a public address system for announcements at the beginning and end of a recent blackout, and is planning to have records made for this purpose. . . . **Ellwood City** conducted a Golden Jubilee Day to familiarize citizens with the work of Civilian Defense. . . . **Beaver** County's Civilian Defense parade has been re-scheduled for Labor Day.

C. Paul Paddock, Chairman of **Elk** County Council of Defense, has announced the following appointments: Miss Margaret Lauder, **Ridgway**, Chief of Citizens Service Corps; George Benson, **St. Marys**, Chief of Auxiliary Group; and I. J. Meenan, **Ridgway**, Evacuation and Welfare Officer.

INDIANA VOLUNTEER JOINS ARMY WAAC'S

When Miss Betty Pierce, of Indiana, joined the WAAC's, new Army women's corps, she said it was because "I want to do my bit and I'm a terrible knitter."

That she had already been "doing her bit" at home was pointed out, however, by Steele Clark, chairman of Indiana County Council of Defense. "The facts are," he reported, "that she was a lieutenant in the Women's Motor Corps and worked splendidly for Civilian Defense."

Miss Pierce is a daughter of Lt. Col. William Pierce, OCD officer in Pennsylvania.

Penna. Councils Now 1,000 Strong

Pennsylvania's Councils of Defense have passed the 1,000 mark, an increase of 420 since Pearl Harbor, according to S.C.D. records. The tabulation shows 67 County Councils, 45 City Councils, 153 in townships, 365 in boroughs, and 73 College Councils.

"This represents almost complete coverage of the state," commented Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., "but there are a few important communities that still do not have Councils." The State Council's Rule No. 1 gives County Councils jurisdiction in communities that have not organized Councils of Defense.

New Councils of Defense reported to the State Council since July 1, and names of the chairmen, follow: **Beaver**—Patterson Heights: Charles Capper; South Heights: Alfred S. Warren.

Berk—Amity Twp., John L. Romig; Colebrookdale Twp., John Wetzel; Douglass Twp., Arthur Miller; Alsace Twp., A. Lewis Sherman; Tilden Twp., Emmanuel Miller; Upper Bern Twp., Berton Degler; Brecknock Twp., Enos Sweetzer; Robeson Twp., Hiester Killian.

Butler—Cabot, James Collins; Petrolia, G. Olyn Yough.

Dauphin—Steelton, Major Ross Willis.

Erie—Cranesville, A. E. McIntire. **Huntingdon**—Huntingdon, John Bagshaw; Lincoln Twp., M. T. J. Stone; Coalmont, Shannon Bussard; Cross Roads, Bruce Cox; Pemberton, J. T. Stringer; Spruce Creek, Alton Weyer; Three Springs, Roy Hudson; Union Furnace, Archie Baker; Franklinville, Herbert Brown; Graysville, C. W. Behrer; Warriors Mark, John J. Gilliland; Woods Twp., Robert Snyder; Cassville, Bob McClain; Mapleton, Clinton H. Dell; McConnellstown, Walker Twp., Herman Robb; Petersburg, J. Elmer Young; Saxton, Chelton W. Smith; Smithfield, David McCord.

Schuylkill—Lavelle, Peter Eister; Reilly Twp., Harold Gauntlett.

PITTSBURGH AREA FAVORS DAY TEST

A motion favoring a surprise daylight air raid drill for the nine-county Pittsburgh area was adopted at a meeting of the Pittsburgh Metropolitan District Council of Defense last week. Detailed plans for the test have not yet been made.

The meeting, held in Pittsburgh, was attended by ten representatives from the State Council of Defense, including Mrs. William J. Clothier, member, and Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director.

A morning session on Civilian Mobilization was addressed by Horatio W. Turner, Civilian Mobilization adviser for the Third Civilian Defense Region, and the afternoon session, led by Allegheny County Chairman Ross Leffler, was devoted to protection problems.

Realism Plus

Realism was the rule of the day when the Bethlehem Area Council of Defense mobilized its volunteer corps at the scene of an actual building demolition in Bethlehem.

Several dummy figures were placed in the three-story structure and a licensed operator set off dynamite after people had been cleared from the area by Auxiliary Police. Volunteers were called to action by the Control Center and within an hour had completed their duties.

Officials reported the exercise proved that demolition squads should be equipped with heavy work shoes and gloves.

TRAINING OF BOMB AGENTS STARTED

Training of Bomb Reconnaissance Agents who will be responsible for reporting unexploded bombs to Army authorities, has been started in Philadelphia and will get underway shortly in Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Bethlehem and Lancaster.

Arrangements for this training are made by the State Council of Defense after Local Councils have enlisted the required number of agents, usually one for each 5,000 population. Instruction is given by officers from the Army's Bomb Disposal School. Classes extend for four days.

ASK NOMINATIONS

County Councils of Defense have been asked to nominate reserve panels of persons suitable for appointment by the OPA State Director to fill vacancies that may develop in the membership of local War Price and Rationing Boards.

Original appointments to the Rationing Boards were made from nominations by the County Councils of Defense more than a half year ago.

Studies Decontamination

John Gorman, chemist for the State Department of Health, has completed a course of study in decontamination at the University of Cincinnati and will be available to instruct county and local decontamination officers when their appointment is called for by the State Council of Defense.

Gorman went to Cincinnati at the request of the State Council.

Picnics Promote Warden Interest

Along with gas rationing and its accompanying transportation problems, civilian defense activities are serving as a means of having people get to know their neighbors better.

In Easton a group of air raid wardens held a "meet your warden social" which featured a bomb demonstration. Decorations included posters informing householders of needed air raid equipment.

Several thousand persons attended a picnic sponsored by 13 companies of the Blair County auxiliary police. At a picnic held by Indiana Boro air raid wardens, talks were given by civilian defense officials and air raid protection pictures were shown.

Exhibitions of various phases of Civilian Defense will be featured at a picnic to be conducted by the Westmoreland County Council of Defense this weekend.

Firemen's Course To Stress Incendiaries

Special attention to the training of fire fighters for the State's Civilian Defense set-up will be given in the fourth annual Pennsylvania Firemen's Training Conference, to be held at the Pennsylvania State College August 31 to September 5.

Air raid wardens, auxiliary police, fire wardens, auxiliary firemen, fire watchers and rescue squad members will be admitted in limited numbers, to receive instruction in handling of gases, incendiaries and explosives.

Applications should be mailed not later than this week to Charles E. Clark, Chief Fire Warden, State Council of Defense.

TO REPLACE "E"

Adoption of a small standard pennant to serve as the official identification for Emergency Vehicles throughout Pennsylvania is being planned by the State Council of Defense.

The pennant, displayed on the front of authorized cars, would replace the letter "E" which has proved unsatisfactory because of difficulty in controlling its use and also difficulty in seeing it. A patented design will be selected for the pennant.



AUXILIARY POLICE in Quakertown, Bucks County, pictured in their new oxford-grey uniforms during regular weekly two-hour drill. The group, captained by C. Norman Detweiler, includes many war veterans and business men. Their riot sticks were made by students in the local high school.

Hospitals Selected

Six hospitals in "safe areas" outside Philadelphia have been tentatively selected by Major Roger A. Greene, State Hospital Officer of the S.C.D., for recommendation to Washington as Emergency Base Hospitals, to which patients could be moved from the city in case of bombing.

Dr. Paul Dodds, Chief Medical Officer of the S.C.D., reported meanwhile that 55 emergency medical officers from Pennsylvania had attended a special training class held at Johns Hopkins, in Baltimore.

SITE SELECTED FOR STATE CONTROL CENTER

The site for a State Control Center has been selected at Harrisburg, and equipment is now being installed by the State Council of Defense. The new center will serve as a coordinating link between County Control Centers.

Meanwhile, a contract has been awarded for equipping the Metropolitan District Control Center at Philadelphia. This center will link together the five metropolitan counties.

Weekly Tests Ordered For Air Raid Alarms

Sounding of test air raid alarms throughout Pennsylvania at five minutes past noon each Saturday was made compulsory in Rule No. 4 promulgated by the State Council of Defense late last month.

The test blasts, limited to 20 seconds, brought anxious inquiries from 500 Philadelphians on the first Saturday, but the number of calls dropped to 50 a week later. Pittsburgh was unable to take part in the tests because of delay in purchasing and installing sirens.

AMBULANCES PRESENTED TO COUNCILS OF DEFENSE

In addition to gifts of motor equipment listed in the last issue of DEFENSE COUNCIL NEWS, a number of other donations to Civilian Defense groups have been reported.

The North Versailles Township Council of Defense has purchased an ambulance with funds donated by citizens. The ambulance has already been used to transport 18 patients.

The Allegheny County Council of Defense has been offered the use of an ambulance owned by Homewood Post, American Legion, and two ambulances have been donated to the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Nutrition Council Announces New Posters Available

The Pennsylvania Nutrition Council announces that two Federal posters captioned "U. S. Needs Us Strong" may be obtained in quantity for local display from the chairmen of County Nutrition Councils. The posters stress the eating of nutritional foods.

Dr. Laura W. Drummond, of State College, chairman of the Nutrition Council, suggested that county and local Councils of Defense contact County Nutrition Councils for assistance in any nutritional phase of Civilian Defense.

EXCEED FATS QUOTA

Housewives in the Philadelphia area are saving and selling to butchers an average of one and one-half pounds of waste cooking fats per month under the National Fats Salvage Program. The sales have exceeded advance estimates by 50 per cent.

OCD Revises Rule On Incendiaries

Official copies of the revised O.C.D. instructions on how to fight incendiary bombs have been sent to all Councils of Defense with a recommendation by the State Council that the new methods be given wide attention.

The major change calls for the use of a direct stream of water on the bomb instead of a spray as previously taught. Prompt action with a solid stream disposes of the bomb in 30 seconds or so, compared to several minutes required with a spray.

As explained by the O.C.D., the new instructions resulted from extensive research by its own technicians and the Army's Chemical Warfare School, and from recent experience in Great Britain. O.C.D. also called in all copies of the training film, "Fighting the Fire Bomb," and announced that a revised film will be available soon.

The new instructions for fighting incendiaries are:

1. Bring your fire fighting equipment to the scene at once.
2. Shoot a jet of water directly at the bomb without delay, to put it out of action quickly.
3. Then use the jet, quickly, to quench fragments and the remains of the bomb, and any fires that might have been started.
4. Be absolutely sure the fire is out before you leave the scene.
5. Use a coarse spray only where scattering of metal must be avoided.
6. Use sand only if a bomb falls where it is not likely to start a fire or if water is not available.

Camouflage Course To Start At Baltimore

Architects, engineers and other qualified professional persons may apply through the State Council of Defense for admission to a special course in "industrial camouflage" which will be started in Baltimore on August 31.

The course, according to the OCD Third Regional Office, "will be organized for the purpose of providing urgently needed personnel capable of undertaking problems of civilian protective concealment, including the possible protection of community utilities and manufacturing plants."

Classes will be held in Baltimore each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening at 7 o'clock for four consecutive weeks.

OCD's Medical Division has announced a new 20-minute sound slide film showing Emergency Medical Service in operation during simulated enemy action. The film and record may be obtained from Sarra, Inc., 16 E. Ontario St., Chicago, for \$3.15.